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COVID-19 UPDATE

Since Friday, February 19, 46 Residents have Tested Positive, 48 More have Recovered, and City Learns of Three New Fatalities Associated with COVID-19;

State Establishes Free Project Beacon, Stop the Spread Walk-through Testing Site at
Saint Tarcisius Parish on Waverly Street in Framingham;
Weekly Food Resource Guide During Current COVID-19 Surge;
Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;
Community Hour Tuesday: We are Facing Some Critical Challenges in our Community.
Let's Talk About Them

- Since Friday, February 19, 46 residents have tested positive, 48 more have recovered, and the City learns of three new fatalities associated with COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 6,693. With 5,258 recovered and 224 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,211 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 462 residents in quarantine.
- The City of Framingham Announces a Free, walk-through COVID-19 testing site by Project Beacon at Saint Tarcisius Parish on Waverly Street. Special thank you to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Project Beacon, and Saint Tarcisius Parish for making this possible:
 - Location: Saint Tarcisius Parish 562 Waverly Street, Framingham, MA 01702, testing site is located indoors at the Father Maschi Parish Center, behind the parish
 - Start Date: Wednesday, February 24,
 - o Hours:
 - Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 11 a.m. 7 p.m.
 - Wednesdays and Fridays: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Eligibility: Open to all Massachusetts residents over the age of 12 months old;
 symptomatic and asymptomatic
 - Appointment: Testing is by appointment only. Make an appointment here: https://app.beacontesting.com/login
 - Format: Indoor testing (no vehicle required) at the Father Maschi Parish Center, pedestrian access only
 - o Limited parking is available at: 562 Waverly Street. Enter on Waverly Ct.
 - Public Transportation: Framingham Commuter Rail at 417 Waverly St, Framingham, MA
 01702 and Framingham MBTA Station (Stop ID: F02)
 - Cost: FREE; no insurance required
 - o Test Results: Results will be available within 1-3 (business) days after test administration

- Weekly food resource guide during current COVID-19 surge: To better manage the food demand during the recent COVID-19 surge, Framingham's Emergency Food Line's coordinators have developed a weekly guide about residents' food availability. View this week's guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish, here.
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all confirmed cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings. Reference today's data release here.
- Community Hour Tuesday, February 23, at 5 p.m., We are facing some critical challenges in our community. Let's talk about them: Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer is inviting you to join her to discuss some of the critical challenges in our community. Attendees will be able to pose questions during the hour via Zoom's Chat function. If you cannot attend and have questions, please email kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov with the subject line: February 23 Community Hour. Click here for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found here. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on Facebook and Twitter @Framingham_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

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